

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 2, 3, 5, 6, 8-10, 14 and 15 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A filter device comprising:

a filter for filtering liquid to be filtered and separating impurity particles contained in the liquid to be filtered; and

a deposit recovery tank for depositing particles having a specific gravity greater than that of the liquid to be filtered out of the impurity particles, which are not filtered but separated by the filter, so as to recover them at a position apart from the filter, and

the filter being a bag-like filter bag, the filter being disposed with an opening end thereof oriented downward at a time of installation.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Currently Amended) A filter device comprising:

a filter for filtering liquid to be filtered and separating impurity particles contained in the liquid to be filtered; and

a floating material recovery tank capable of allowing a component of a smaller specific gravity to float and recovering it out of liquid filtered by the filter, and

the filter being a bag-like filter bag, the filter being disposed with an opening end thereof oriented downward at a time of installation.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently Amended) A filter device comprising:

a filter for filtering liquid to be filtered and separating impurity particles contained in the liquid to be filtered;

a deposit recovery tank for depositing particles having a specific gravity greater than that of the liquid to be filtered out of the impurity particles, which are not filtered but separated by the filter, so as to recover them at a position apart from the filter; and

a floating material recovery tank capable of allowing a component of a smaller specific gravity to float and recovering it out of liquid filtered by the filter, and

the filter being a bag-like filter bag, the filter being disposed with an opening end thereof oriented downward at a time of installation.

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently Amended) A filter device according to claim ~~10~~ 1, further comprising an opening end seal formed into a substantially cylindrical shape having expansibility and contractility, one end being supported on a side of a case while the other end being brought into contact with the opening end of the filter bag.

12. (Original) A filter device according to claim 11, wherein the inlet for introducing the liquid to be filtered is formed on a side opposite to the filter bag across the opening end seal; and the inlet is disposed such that the liquid to be filtered flowing through the inlet can exhibit a cyclone effect.

13. (Currently Amended) A filter device according to claim ~~10~~ 1, wherein the filter bag is supported on a side opposite to the opening end of the filter bag by a member constituted of a rigid body.

14. (Cancelled)

15 (Cancelled)

16. (New) A filter device according to claim 4, further comprising an opening end seal formed into a substantially cylindrical shape having expansibility and contractility, one end being

supported on a side of a case while the other end being brought into contact with the opening end of the filter bag.

17. (New) A filter device according to claim 16, wherein the inlet for introducing the liquid to be filtered is formed on a side opposite to the filter bag across the opening end seal; and the inlet is disposed such that the liquid to be filtered flowing through the inlet can exhibit a cyclone effect.

18. (New) A filter device according to claim 4, wherein the filter bag is supported on a side opposite to the opening end of the filter bag by a member constituted of a rigid body.

19. (New) A filter device according to claim 7, further comprising an opening end seal formed into a substantially cylindrical shape having expansibility and contractility, one end being supported on a side of a case while the other end being brought into contact with the opening end of the filter bag.

20. (New) A filter device according to claim 19, wherein the inlet for introducing the liquid to be filtered is formed on a side opposite to the filter bag across the opening end seal; and the inlet is disposed such that the liquid to be filtered flowing through the inlet can exhibit a cyclone effect.

21. (New) A filter device according to claim 7, wherein the filter bag is supported on a side opposite to the opening end of the filter bag by a member constituted of a rigid body.